

CHAPTER 4

GRAPH THEORY

Part 3

Shortest Path Problem

Shortest Path

- Let $\mathbf{G}$ be a weighted graph.
- Let $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ be two vertices in $\mathbf{G}$, and let $\mathbf{P}$ be a path in $\mathbf{G}$ from $\mathbf{u}$ to $\mathbf{v}$.
- The length of path $\mathbf{P}$, written $\mathbf{L(P)}$, is the sum of the weights of all the edges on path $\mathbf{P}$.
- A **shortest path** from a vertex to another vertex is a path with the shortest length between the vertices.

Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm

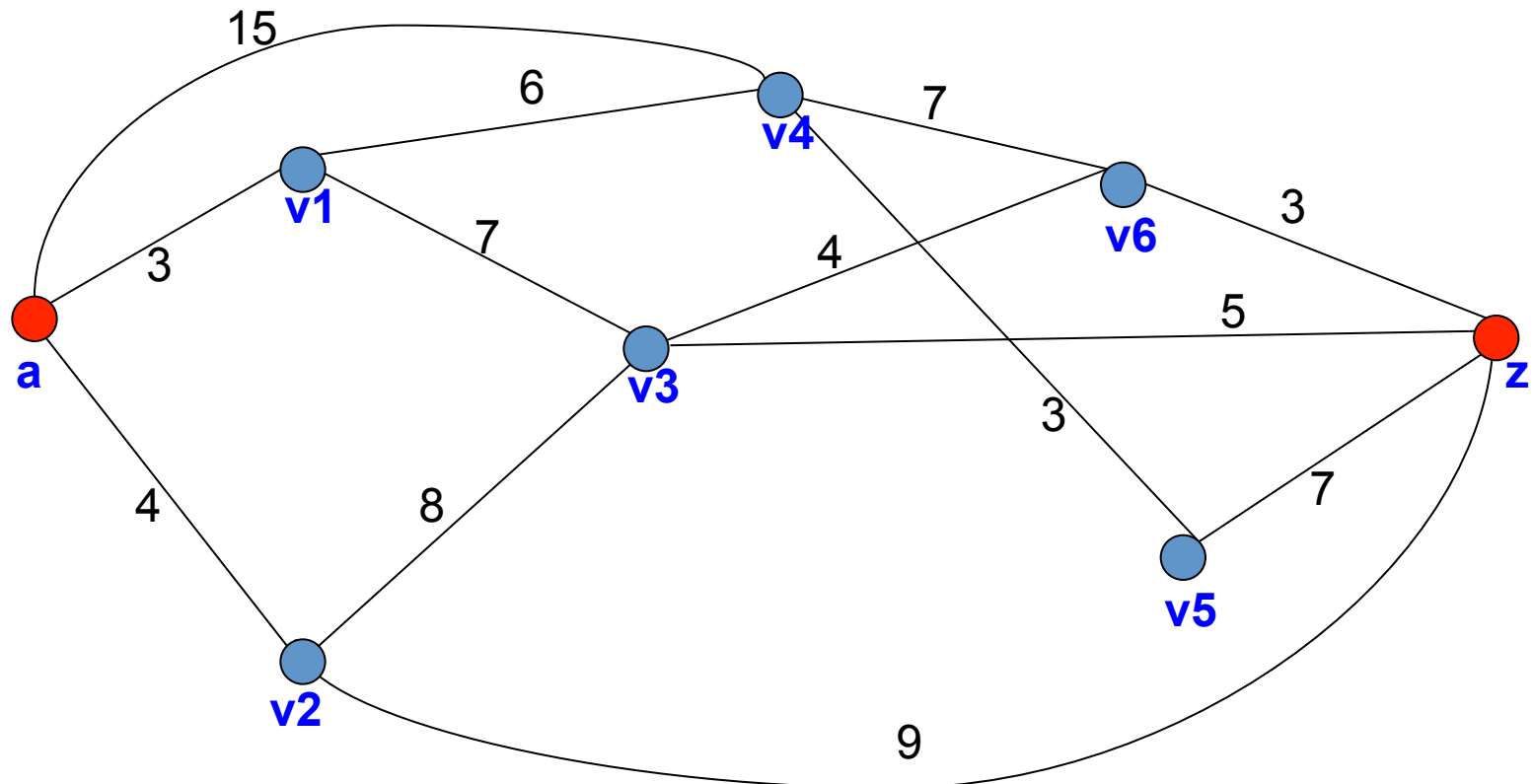
- 1. $S := \emptyset$
- 2. $N := V$
- 3. For all vertices, $u \in V, u \neq a, L(u) := \infty$
- 4. $L(a) := 0$

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dijkstra%27s_algorithm

- 5. While $z \notin S$ do,
 - 5.a : Let $v \in N$ be such that
$$L(v) = \min\{L(u) \mid u \in N\}$$
 - 5.b : $S := S \cup \{v\}$
 - 5.c : $N := N - \{v\}$
 - 5.d : For all $w \in N$ such that there is an edge from v to w
 - 5.d.1: If $L(v) + W[v, w] < L(w)$ then
$$L(w) = L(v) + W[v, w]$$

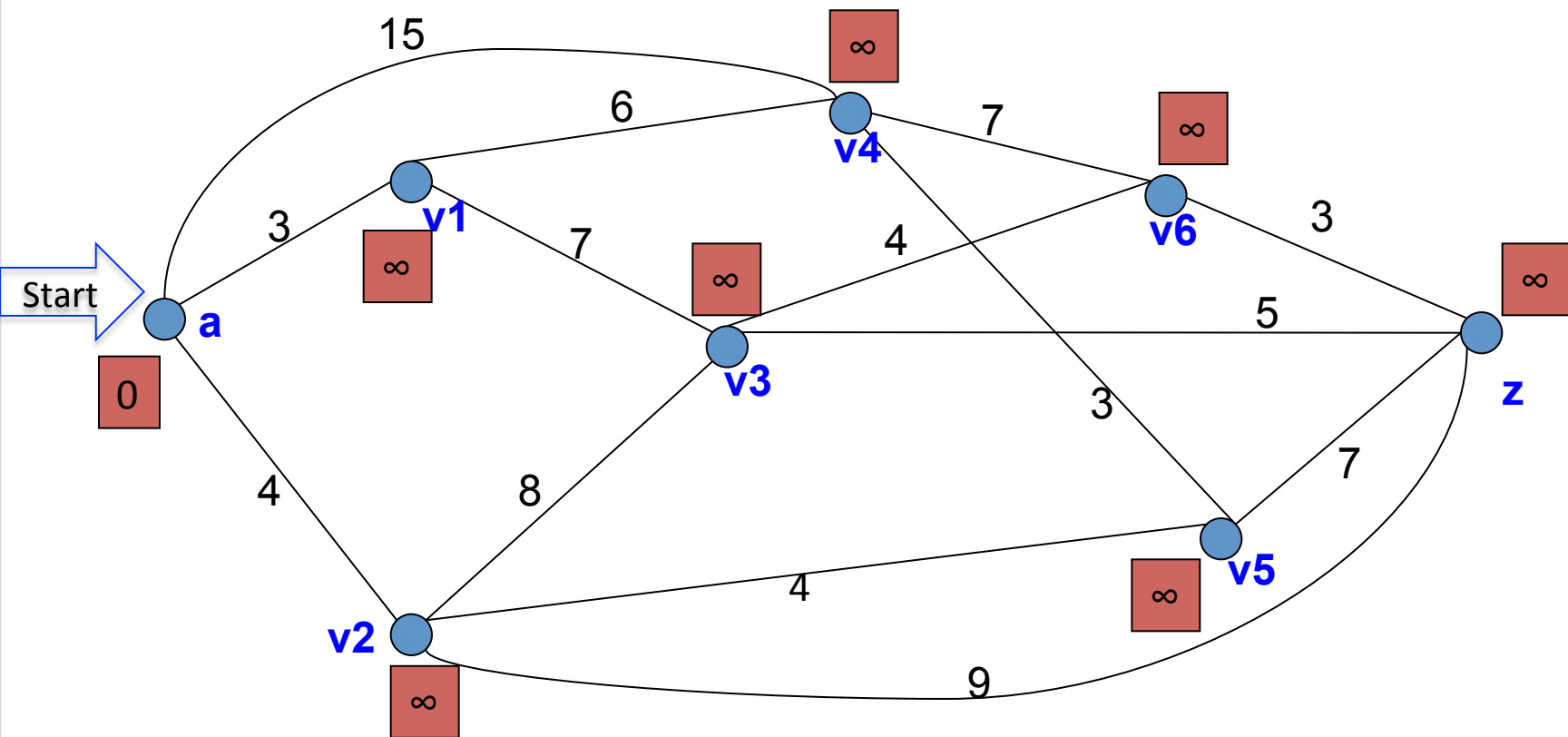
Example

What is the shortest path from **a** to **z**?



$$S = \emptyset$$

$$N = \{a, v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z\}$$



Dijkstra Algorithm: Iterations Table

Iteration	S	N	$L(a)$	$L(v1)$	$L(v2)$	$L(v3)$	$L(v4)$	$L(v5)$	$L(v6)$	$L(z)$
0	{ }	{a, v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z}	0	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞

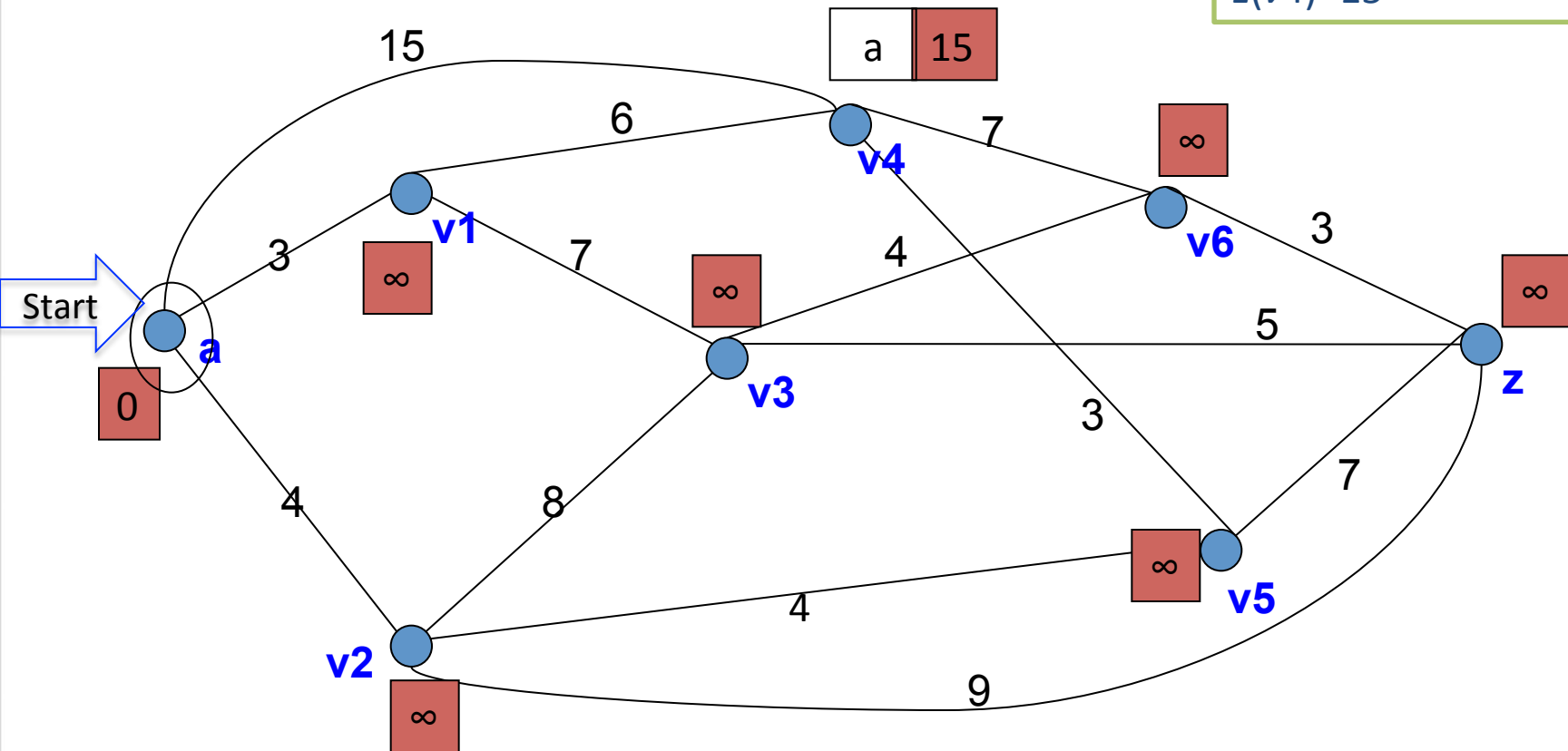
$$S = \{a\}$$

$$N = \{v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z\}$$

$$L(a) + W[a, v4] < L(v4)$$

$$0 + 15 = 15 < \infty$$

$$L(v4) = 15$$



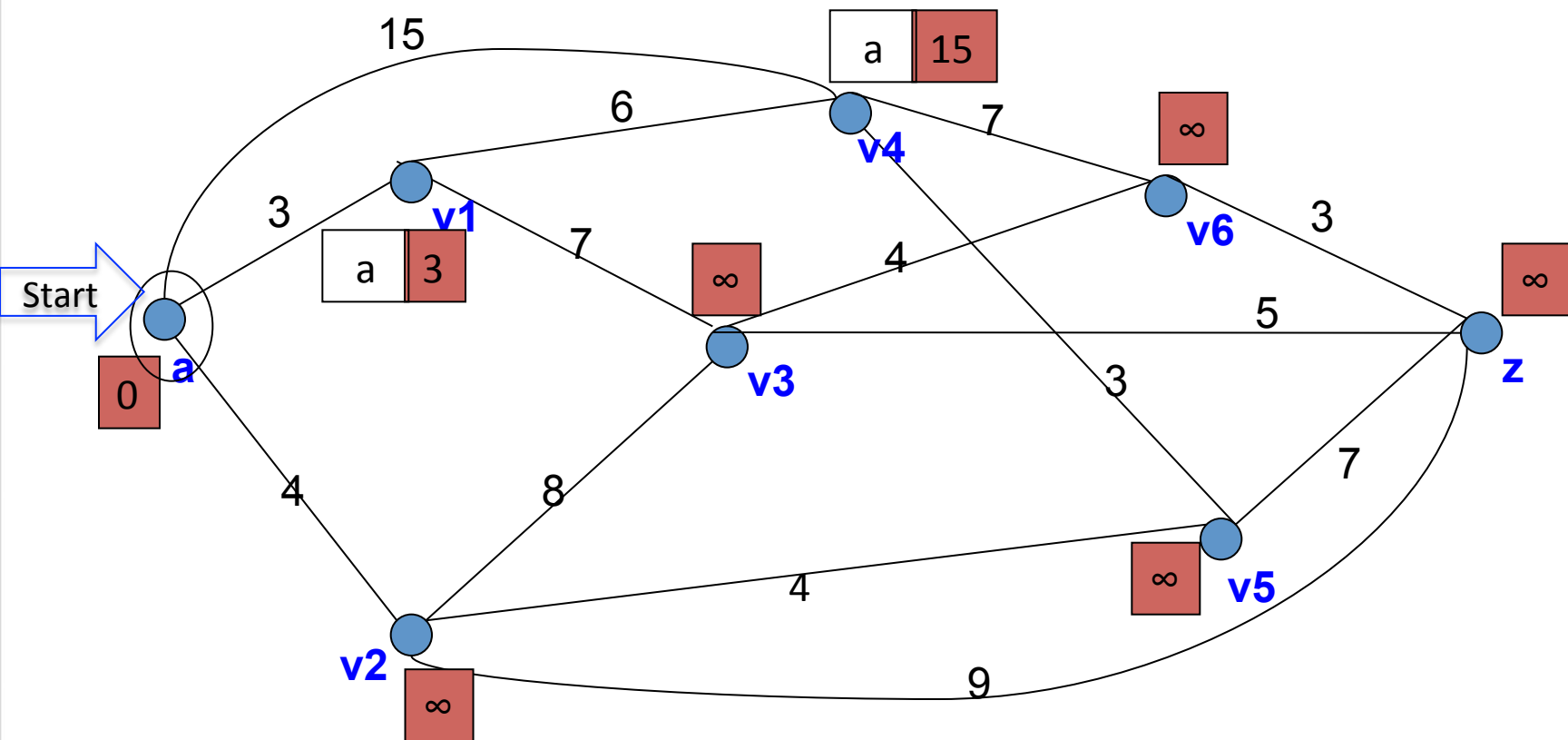
$$S = \{a\}$$

$$N = \{v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z\}$$

$$L(a) + W[a, v1] < L(v1)$$

$$0 + 3 = 3 < \infty$$

$$L(v1) = 3$$



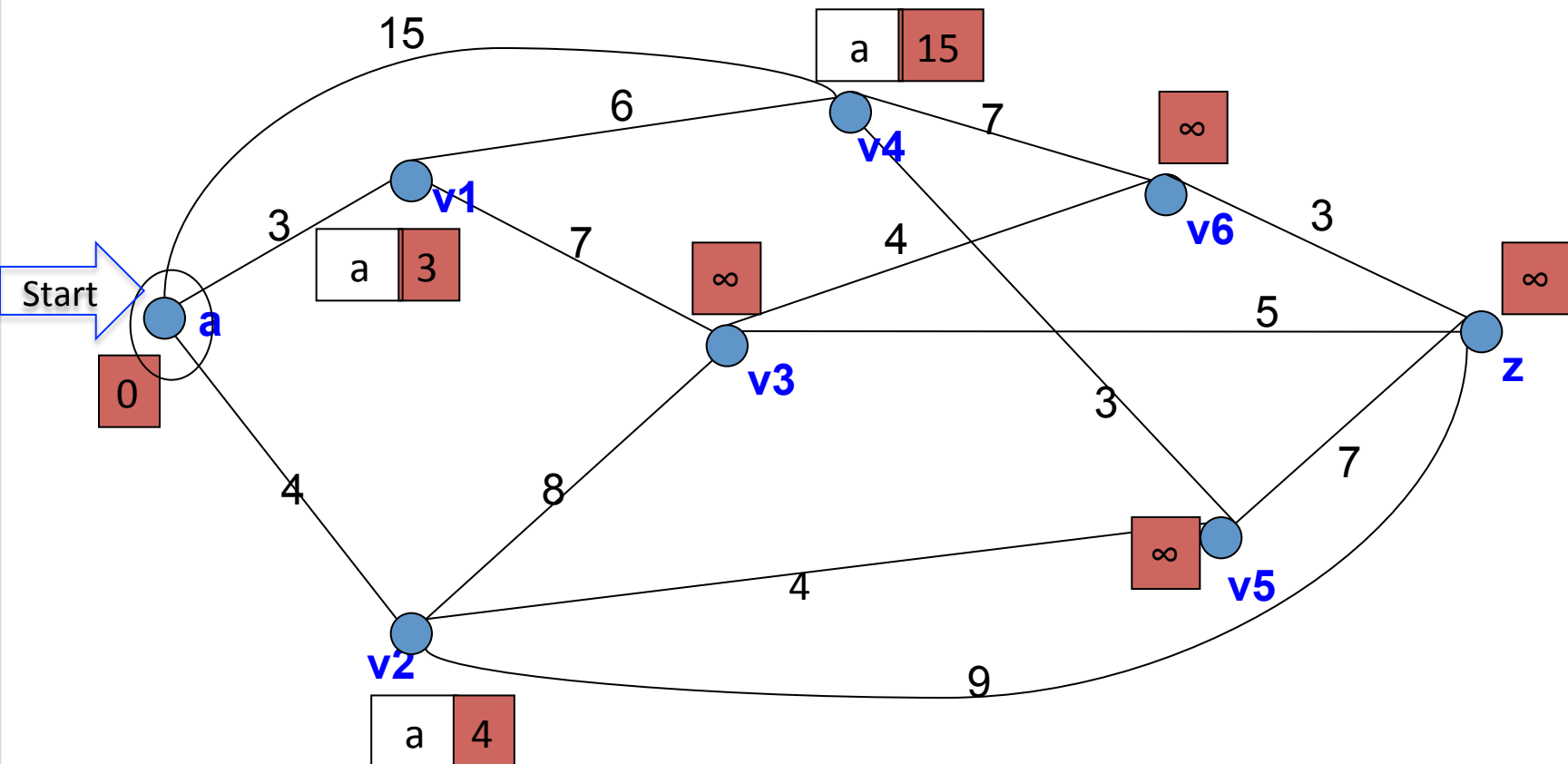
$$S = \{a\}$$

$$N = \{v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z\}$$

$$L(a) + W[a, v2] < L(v2)$$

$$0 + 4 = 4 < \infty$$

$$L(v2) = 4$$

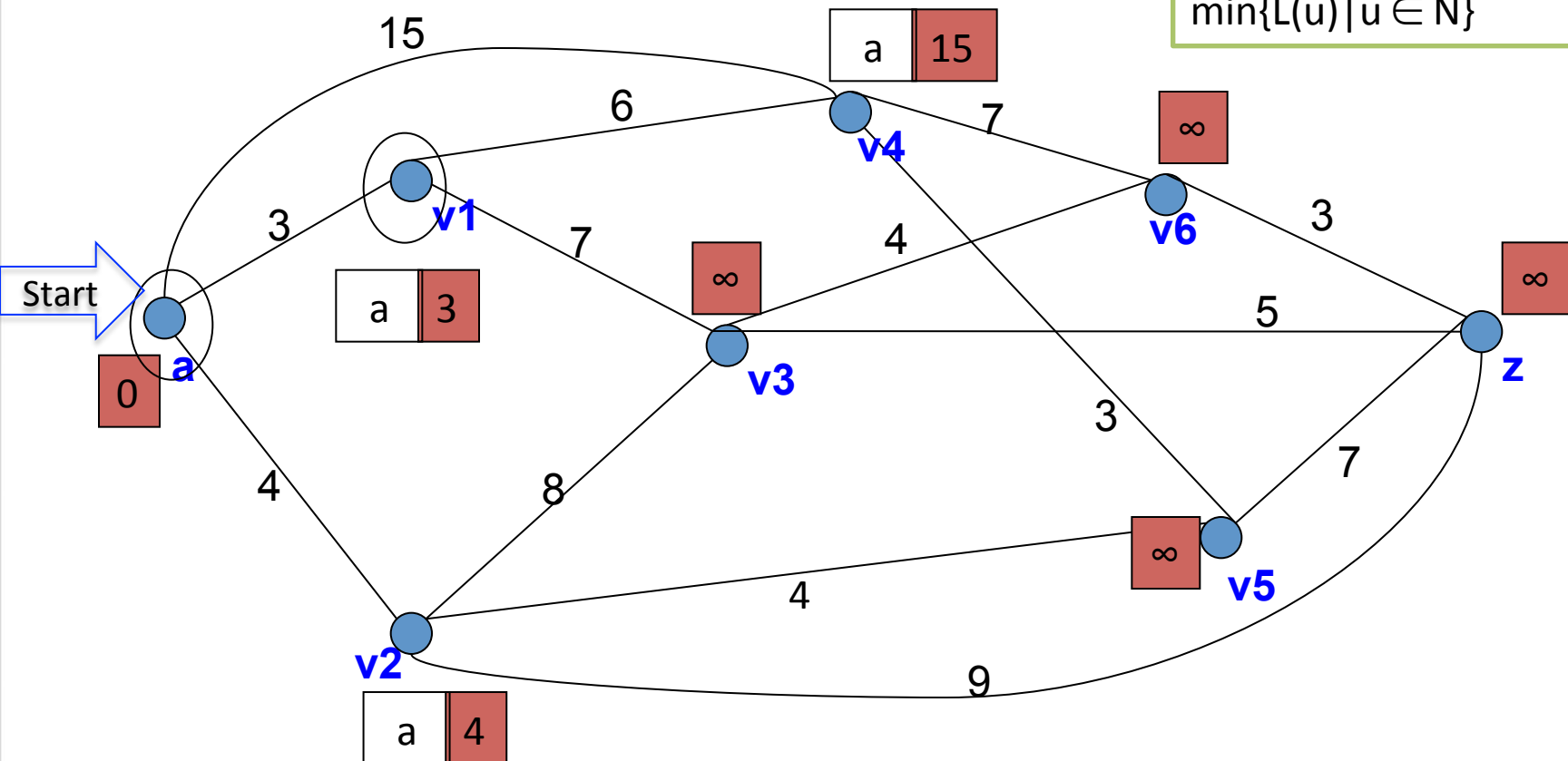


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0	{ }	{a, v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z}	0	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞
1	{a }	{v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z}	0	3	4	∞	15	∞	∞	∞

$$S = \{a\}$$

$$N = \{v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z\}$$

choose v1
because
 $L(v1)=3 =$
 $\min\{L(u) \mid u \in N\}$



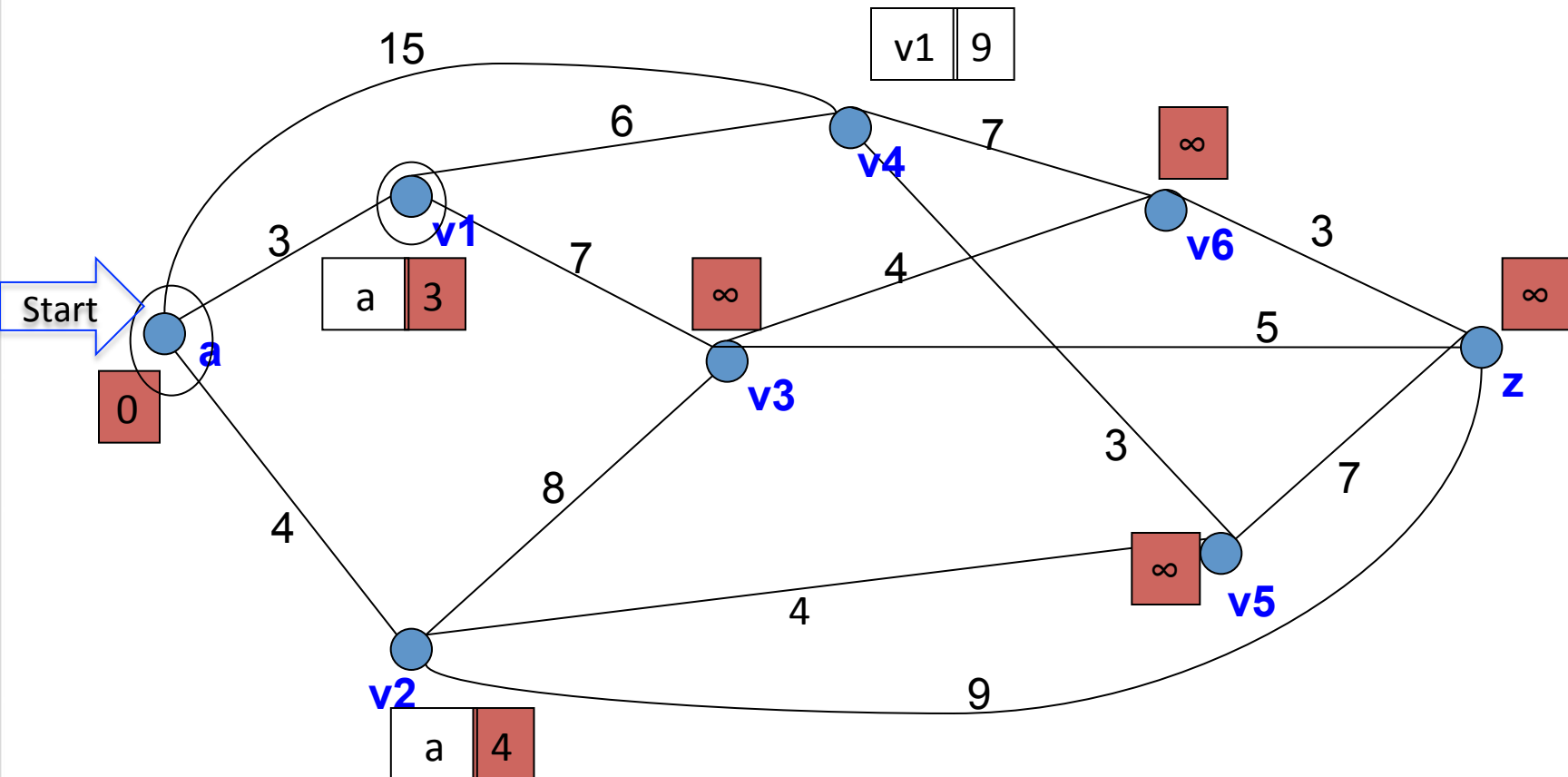
$$S = \{a, v1\}$$

$$N = \{v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z\}$$

$$L(v1) + W[v1, v4] < L(v4)$$

$$3 + 6 = 9 < 15$$

$$L(v4) = 9$$



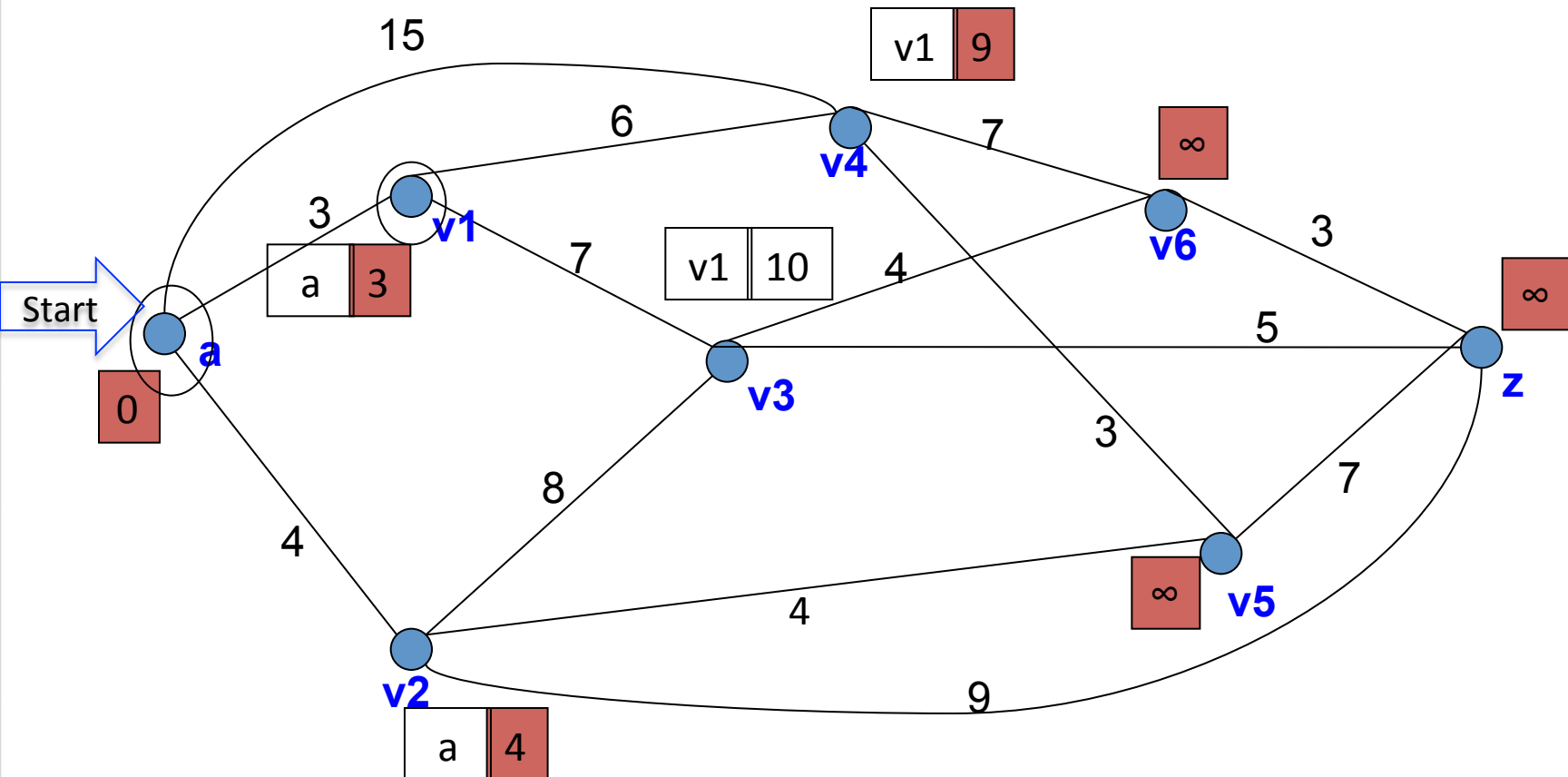
$$S = \{a, v1\}$$

$$N = \{v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z\}$$

$$L(v1) + W[v1, v3] < L(v3)$$

$$3 + 7 = 10 < \infty$$

$$L(v4) = 10$$



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0	{ }	{a, v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z}	0	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞
1	{a }	{v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z}	0	3	4	∞	15	∞	∞	∞
2	{a , v1}	{v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z}	0	3	4	10	9	∞	∞	∞

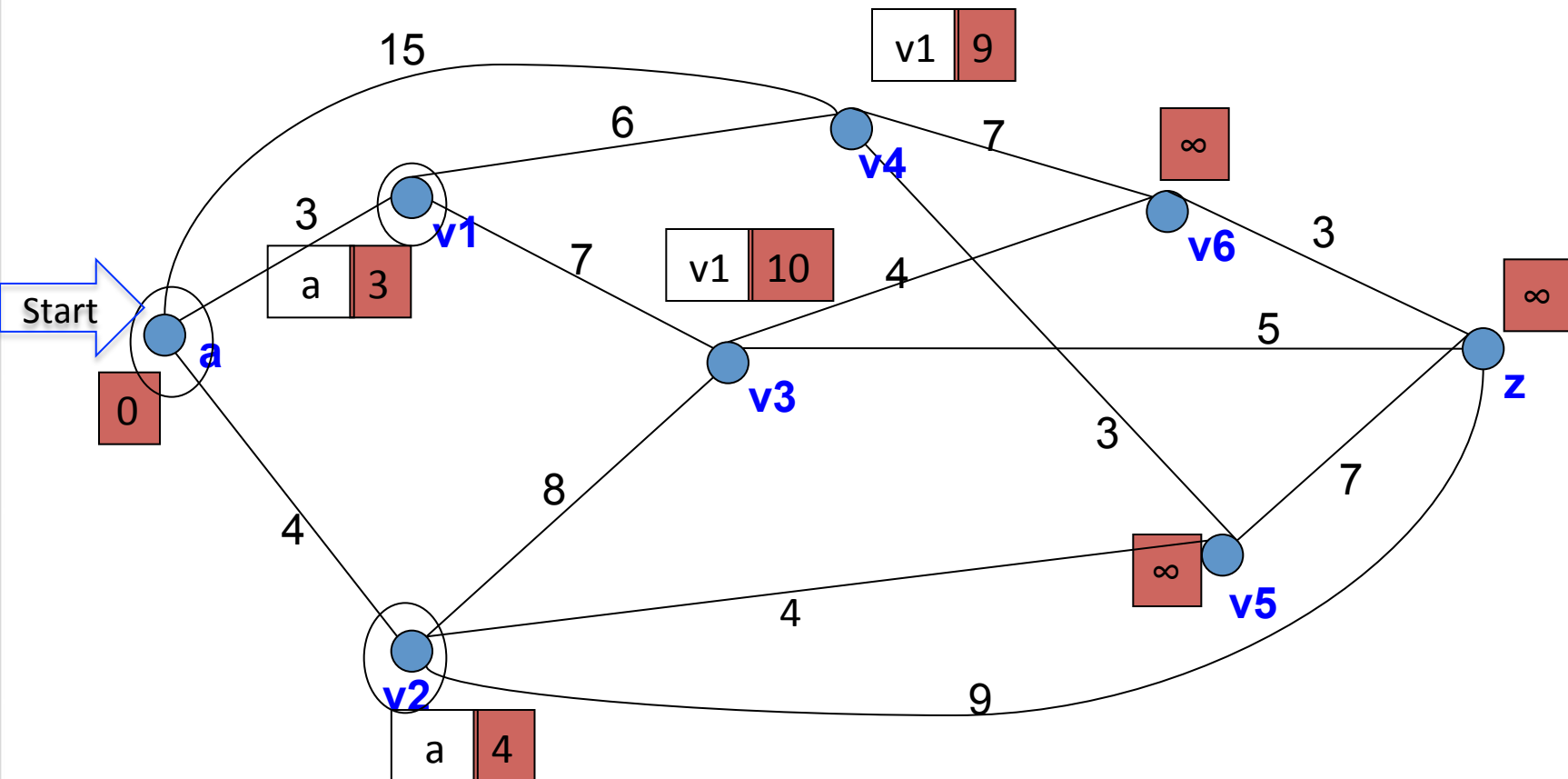
$$S = \{a, v1\}$$

$$N = \{v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z\}$$

choose v2

because

$$L(v2)=4 = \min\{L(u) \mid u \in N\}$$

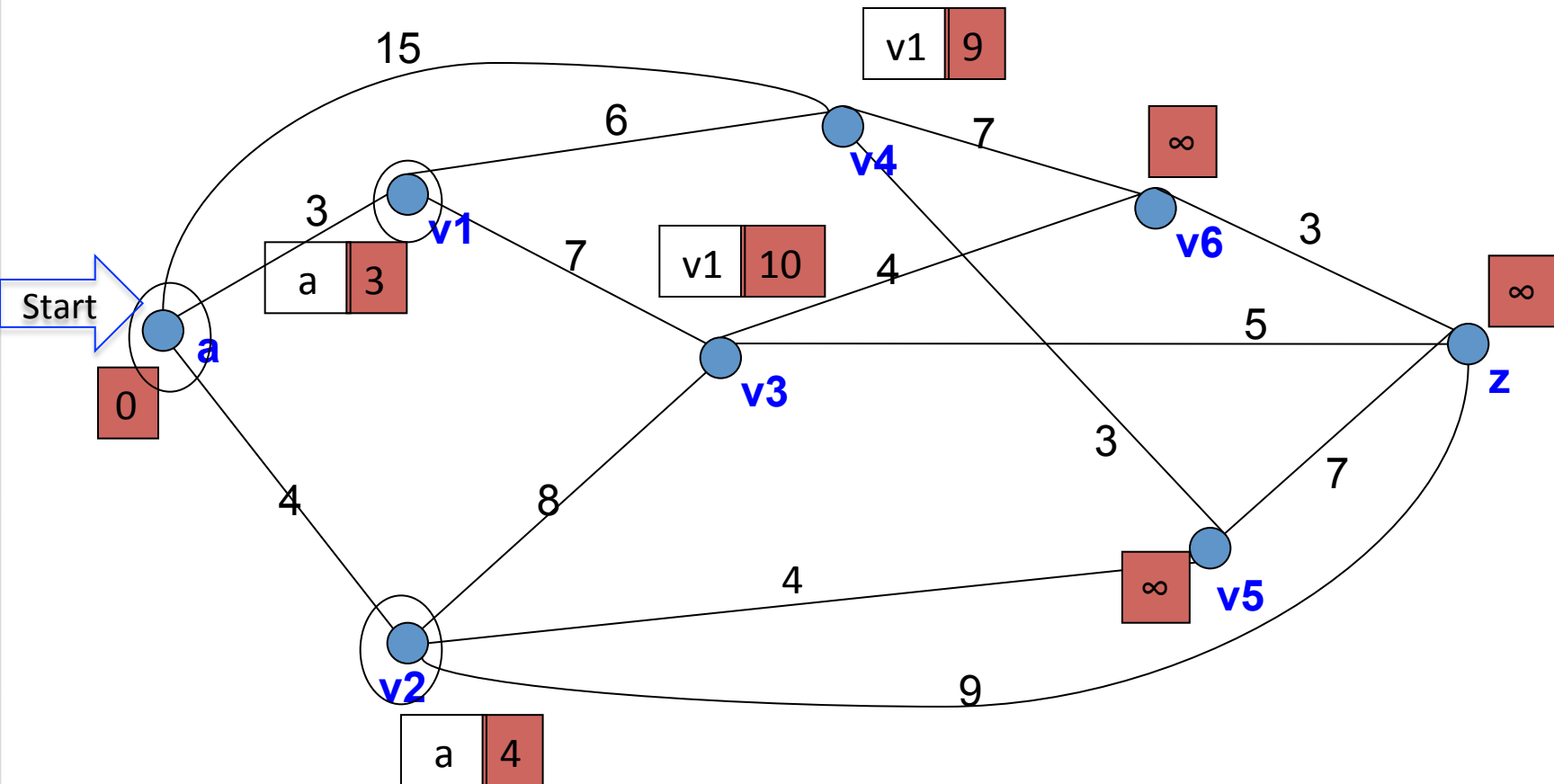


$$S = \{a, v1, v2\}$$

$$N = \{v3, v4, v5, v6, z\}$$

$$L(v2) + W[v2, v3] < L(v3)$$

$$4 + 8 = 12 > 10$$

$$L(v3) \text{ remains the same.}$$


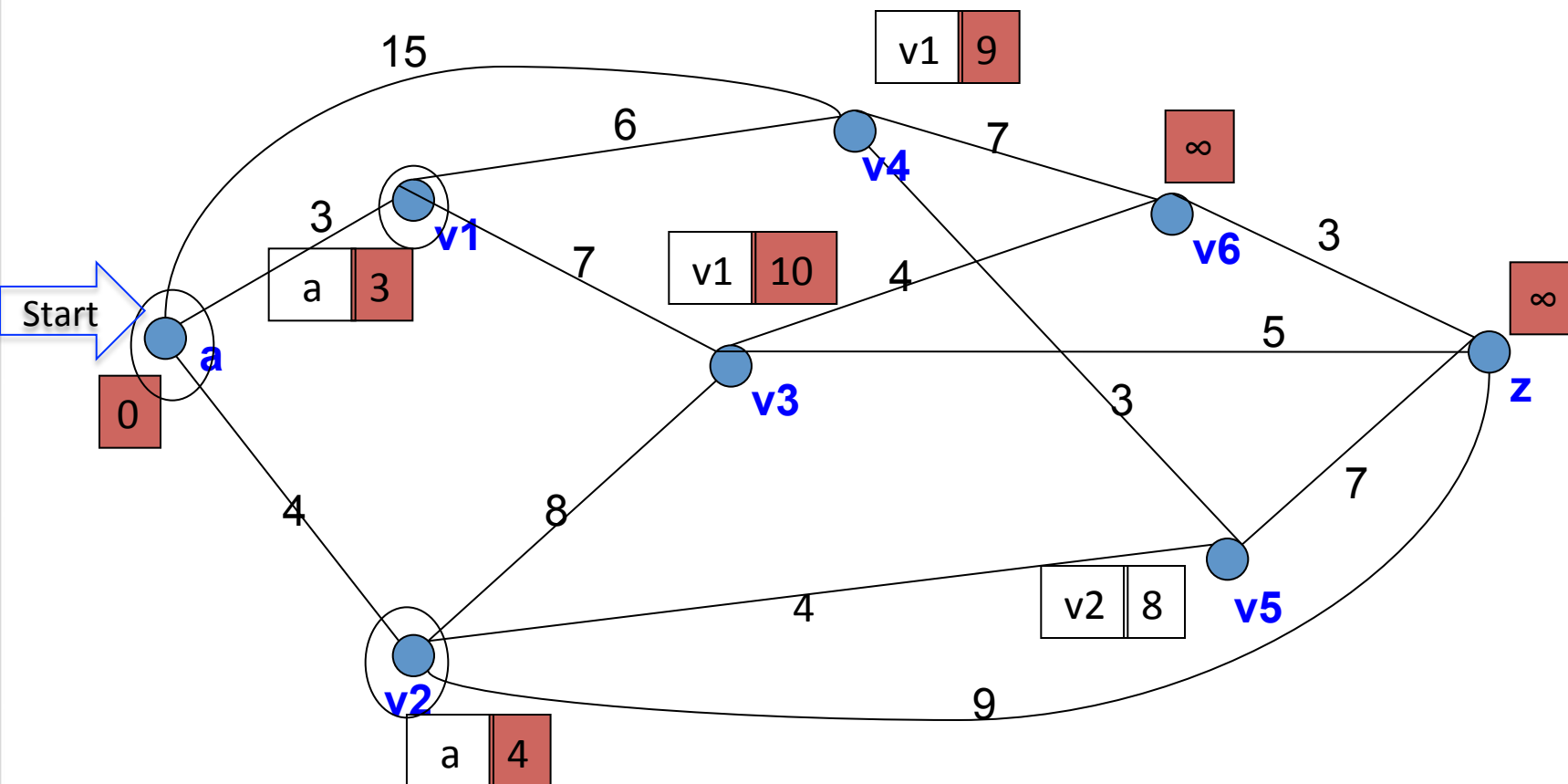
$$S = \{a, v1, v2\}$$

$$N = \{v3, v4, v5, v6, z\}$$

$$L(v2) + W[v2, v5] < L(v5)$$

$$4 + 4 = 8 < \infty$$

$$L(v5) = 8$$



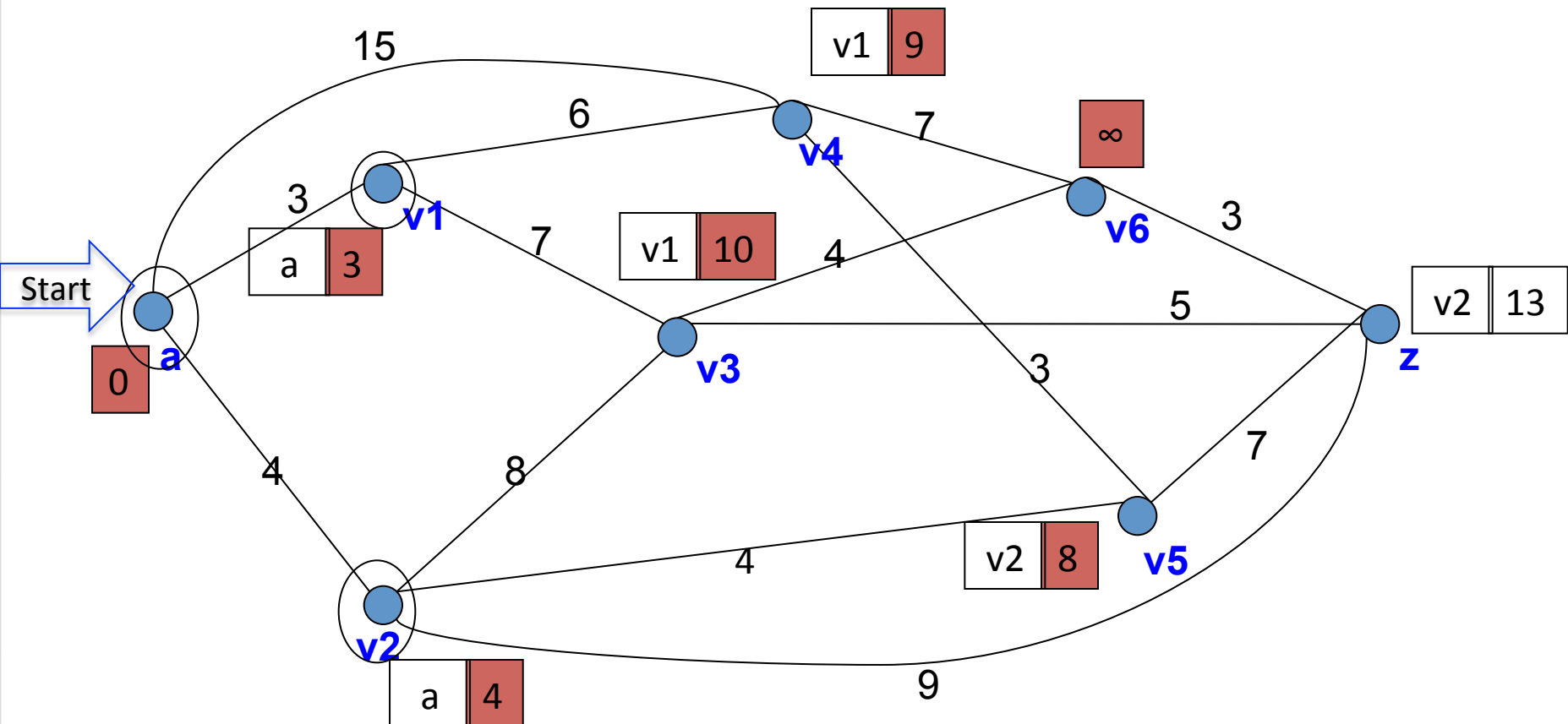
$$S = \{a, v1, v2\}$$

$$N = \{v3, v4, v5, v6, z\}$$

$$L(v2) + W[v2, z] < L(z)$$

$$4 + 9 = 13 < \infty$$

$$L(z) = 13$$



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0	{ }	{a, v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z}	0	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞
1	{a }	{v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z}	0	3	4	∞	15	∞	∞	∞
2	{a , v1}	{v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z}	0	3	4	10	9	∞	∞	∞
3	{a , v1,v2}	{v3, v4, v5, v6, z}	0	3	4	10	9	8	∞	13

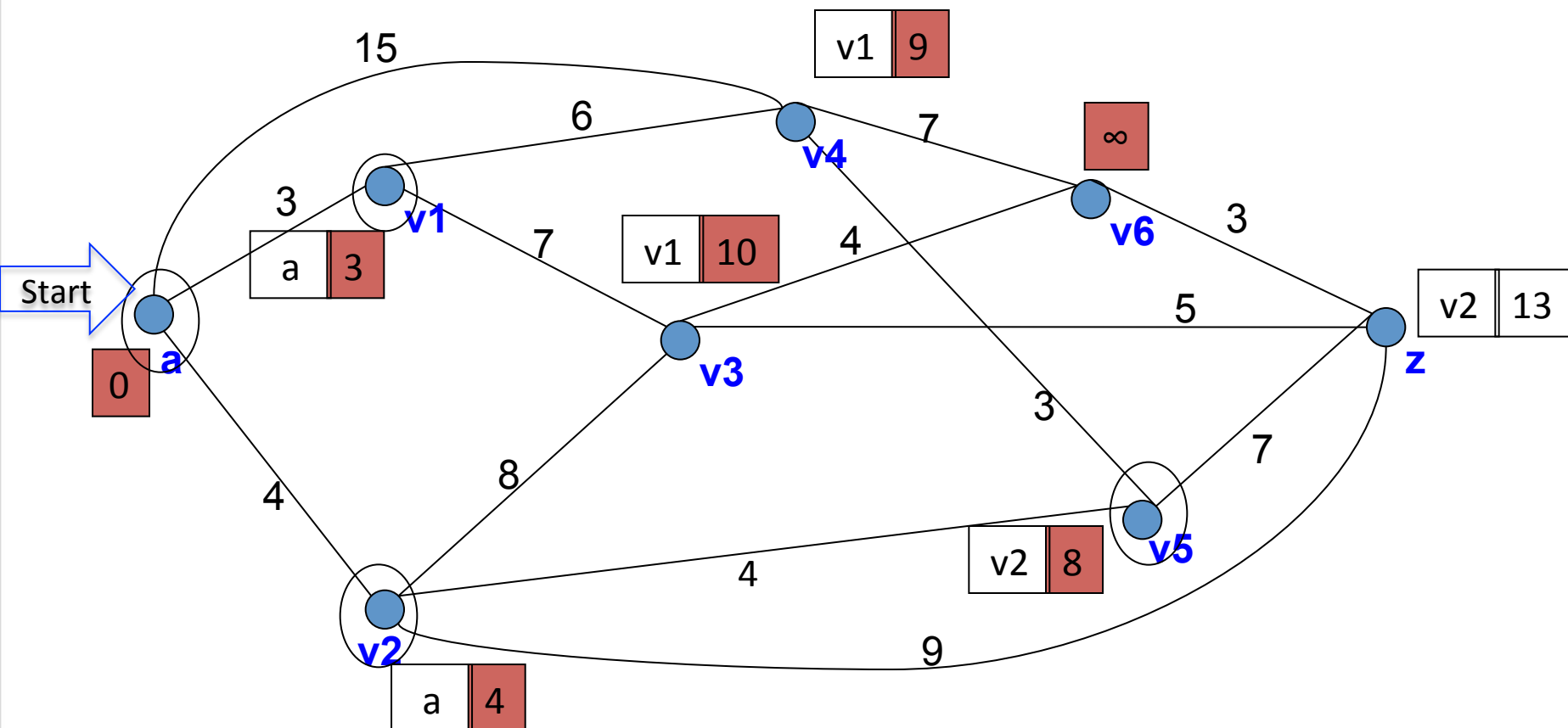
$$S = \{a, v1, v2\}$$

$$N = \{v3, v4, v5, v6, z\}$$

choose v5

because

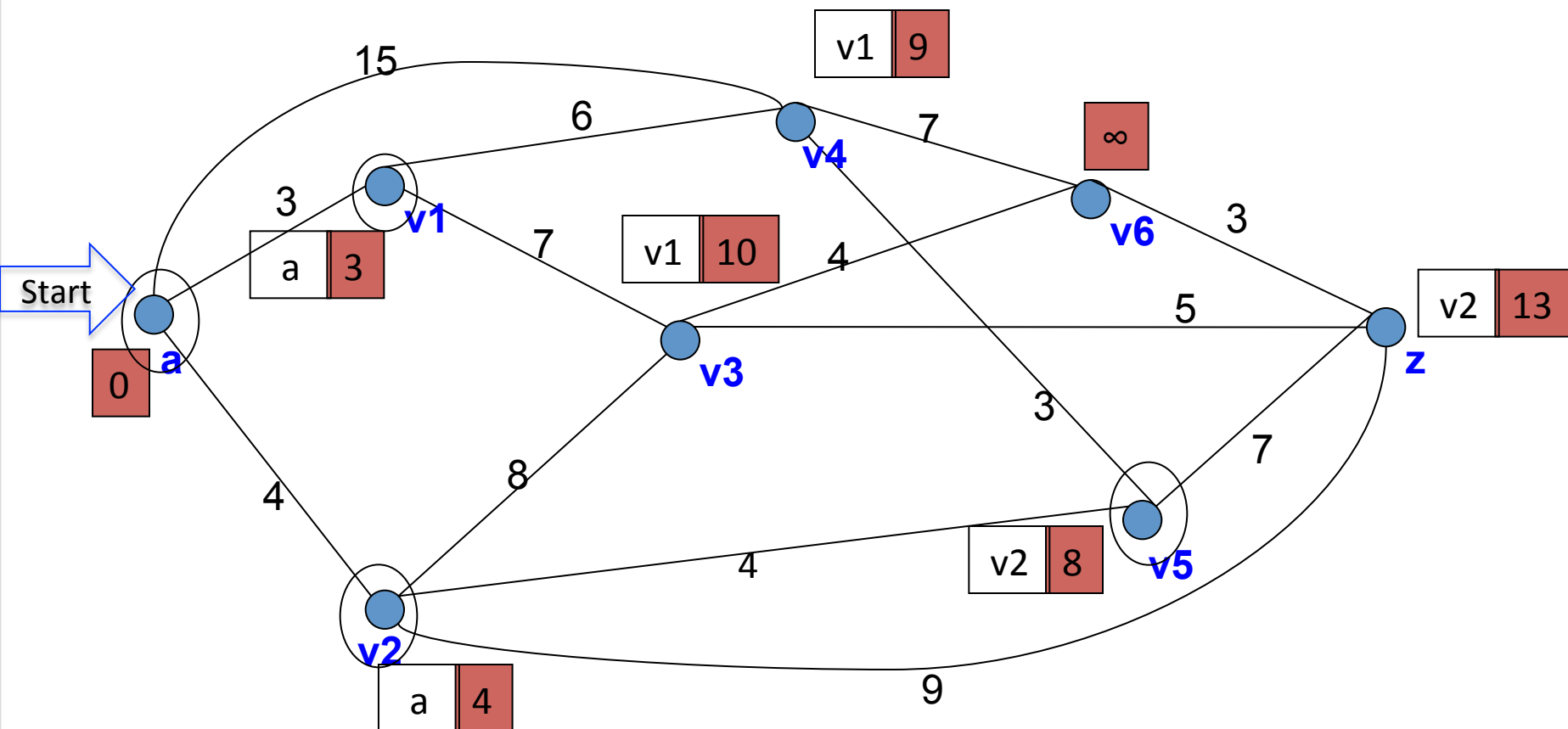
$$L(v5)=8 = \min\{L(u) \mid u \in N\}$$



$$S = \{a, v1, v2, v5\}$$

$$N = \{v3, v4, v6, z\}$$

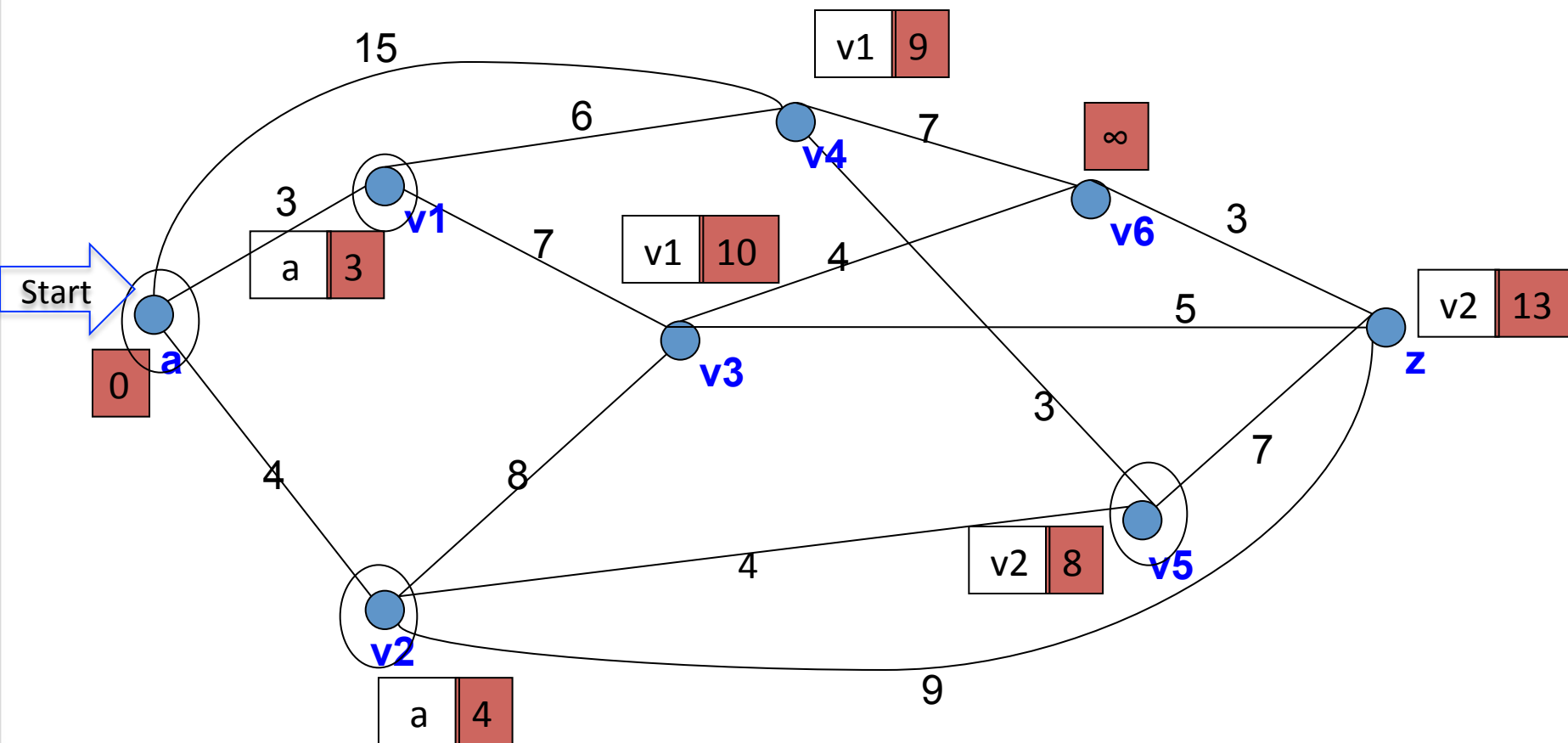
$L(v5) + W[v5, v4] < L(v4)$
 $8 + 3 = 11 > 9$
 $L(v4)$ remains the same



$$S = \{a, v1, v2, v5\}$$

$$N = \{v3, v4, v6, z\}$$

$L(v5) + W[v5, z] < L(z)$
 $8 + 7 = 15 > 13$
 $L(z)$ remains the same



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0	{ }	{a, v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z}	0	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞	∞
1	{a }	{v1, v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z}	0	3	4	∞	15	∞	∞	∞
2	{a , v1 }	{v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z}	0	3	4	10	9	∞	∞	∞
3	{a , v1,v2 }	{v3, v4, v5, v6, z}	0	3	4	10	9	8	∞	13
4	{a , v1,v2,v5 }	{v3, v4, v6, z}	0	3	4	10	9	8	∞	13

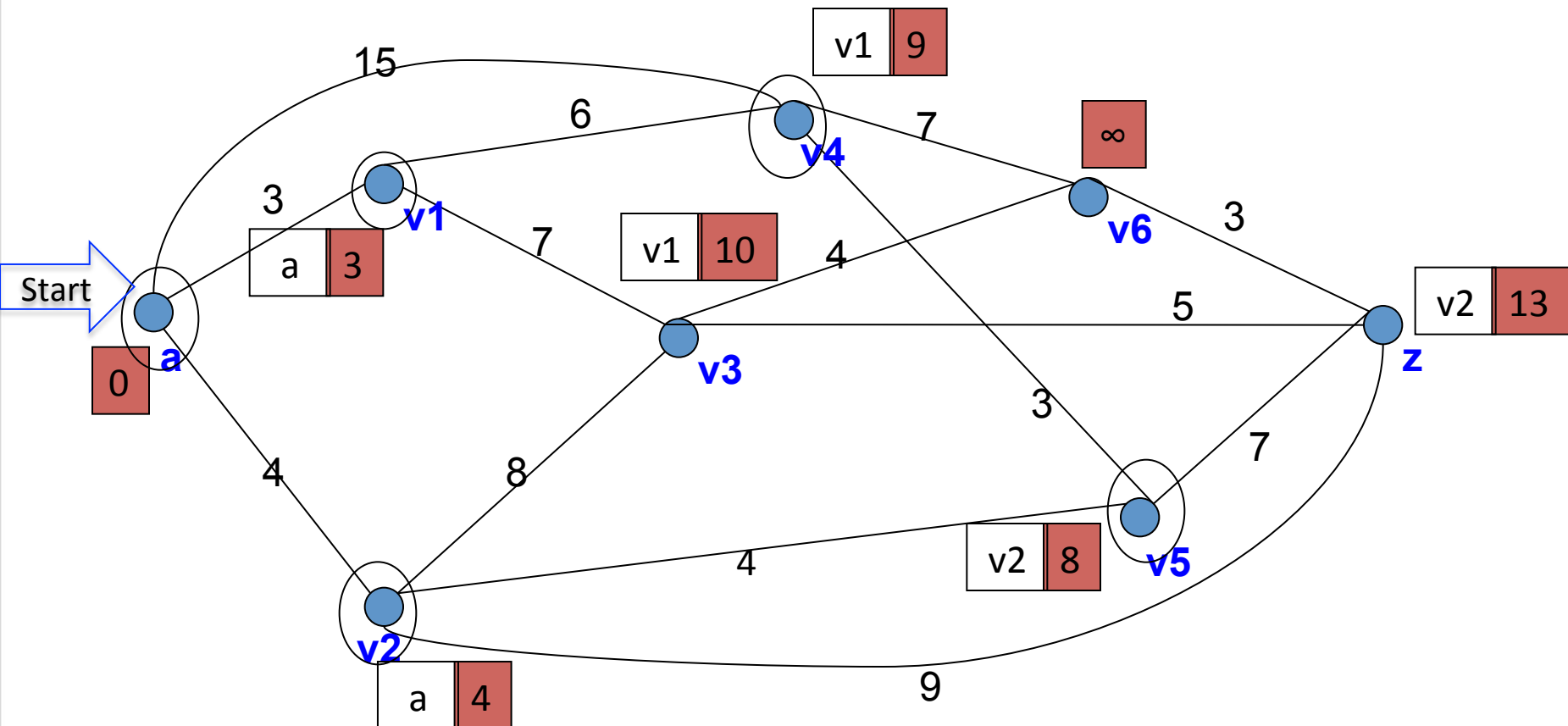
$$S = \{a, v1, v2, v5\}$$

$$N = \{v3, v4, v6, z\}$$

choose v4

because

$$L(v4) = 9 = \min\{L(u) \mid u \in N\}$$



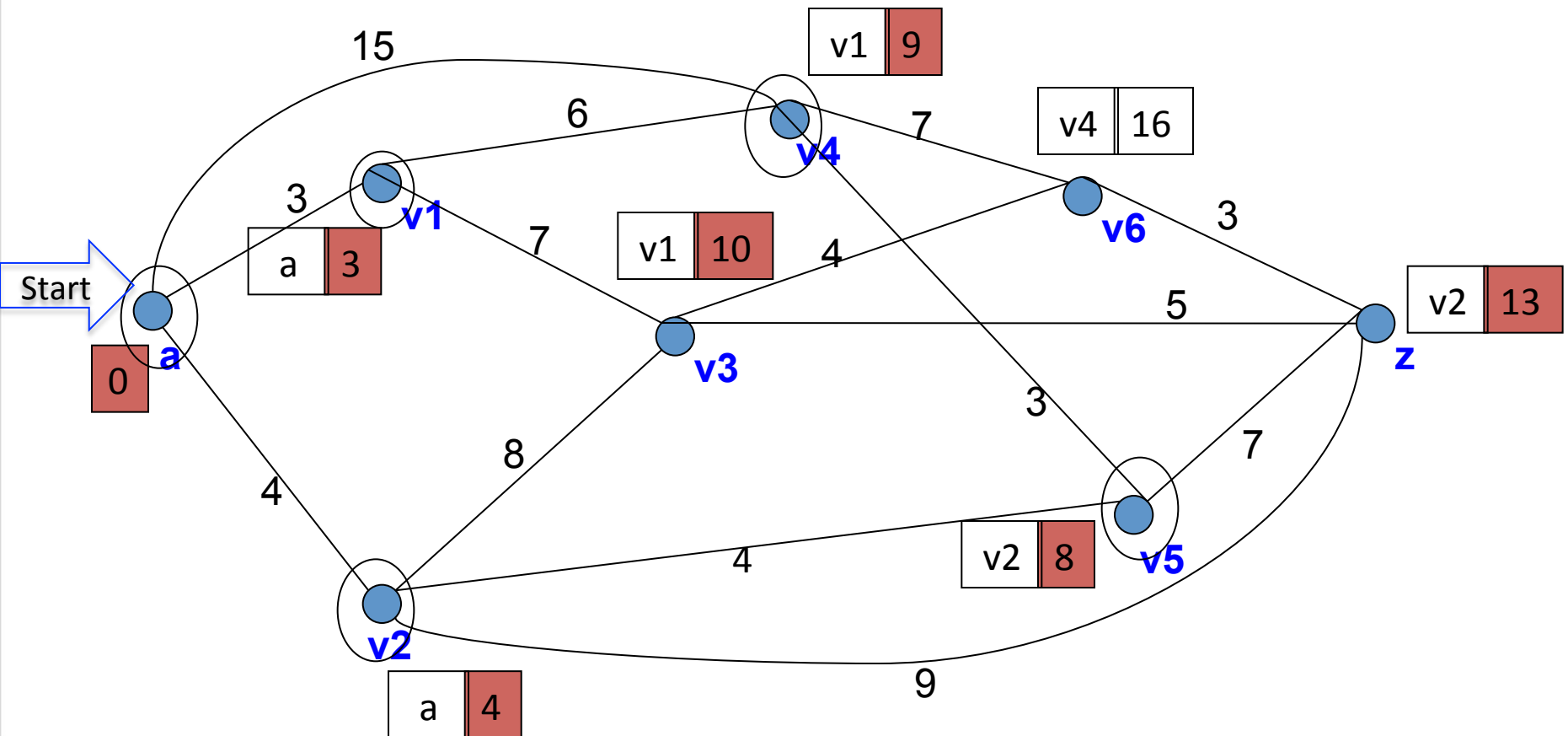
$$S = \{a, v1, v2, v5, v4\}$$

$$N = \{v3, v6, z\}$$

$$L(v4) + W[v4, v6] < L(v6)$$

$$9 + 7 = 16 < \infty$$

$$L(v6) = 16$$



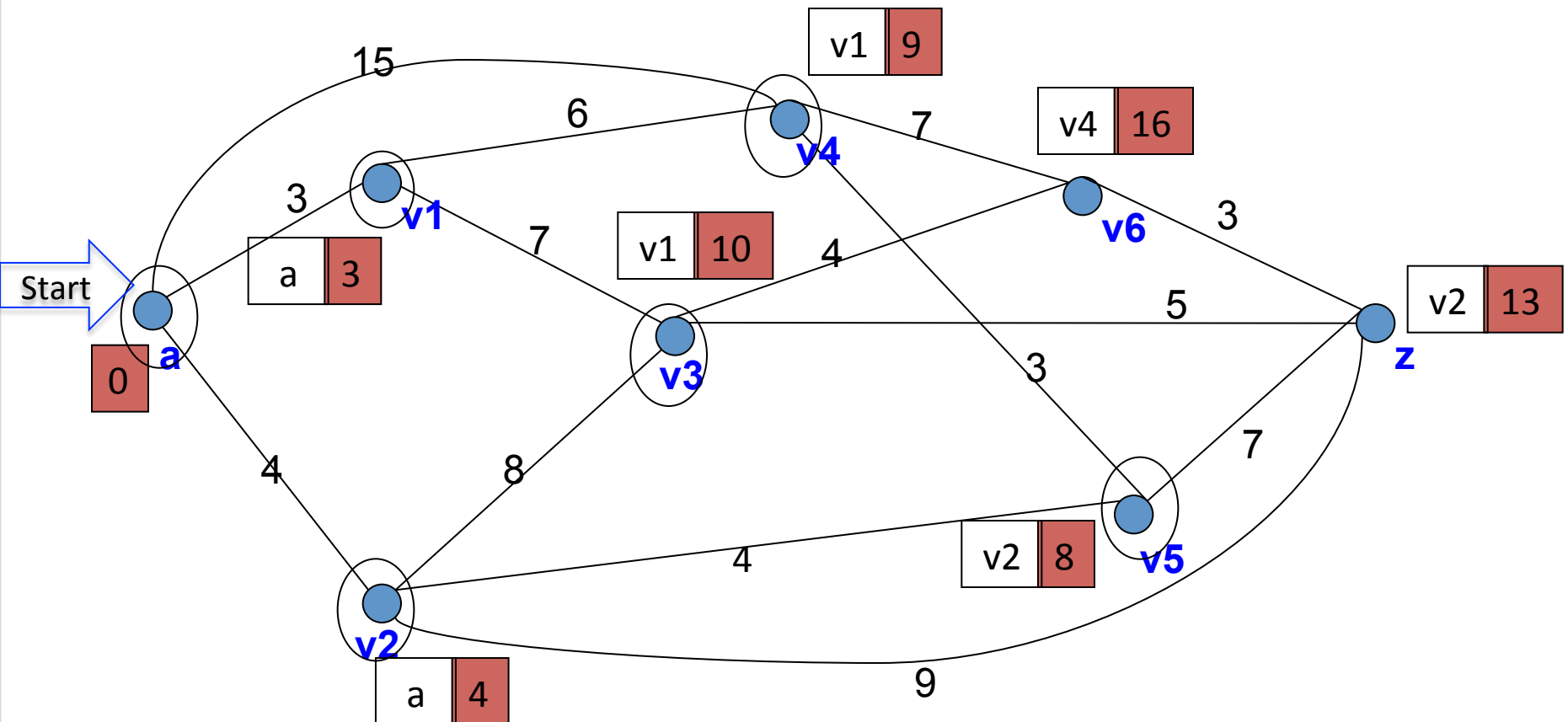
$$S = \{a, v1, v2, v5, v4\}$$

$$N = \{v3, v6, z\}$$

choose v3

because

$$L(v3) = 10 = \min\{L(u) \mid u \in N\}$$



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5	{a , v1,v2,v5, v4}	{v3, v6, z}	0	3	4	10	9	8	16	13

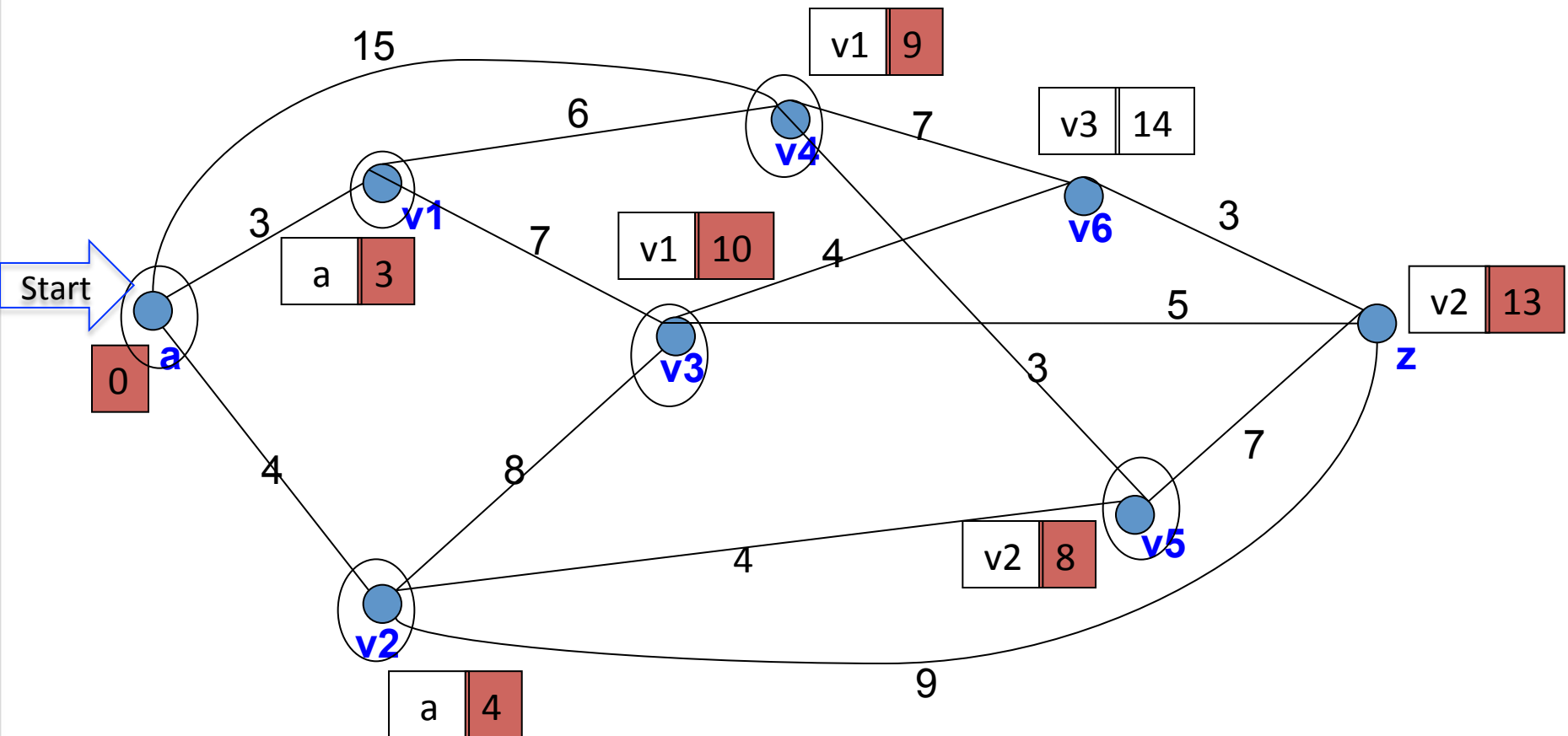
$$S = \{a, v1, v2, v5, v4, v3\}$$

$$N = \{v6, z\}$$

$$L(v3) + W[v3, v6] < L(v6)$$

$$10 + 4 = 14 < 16$$

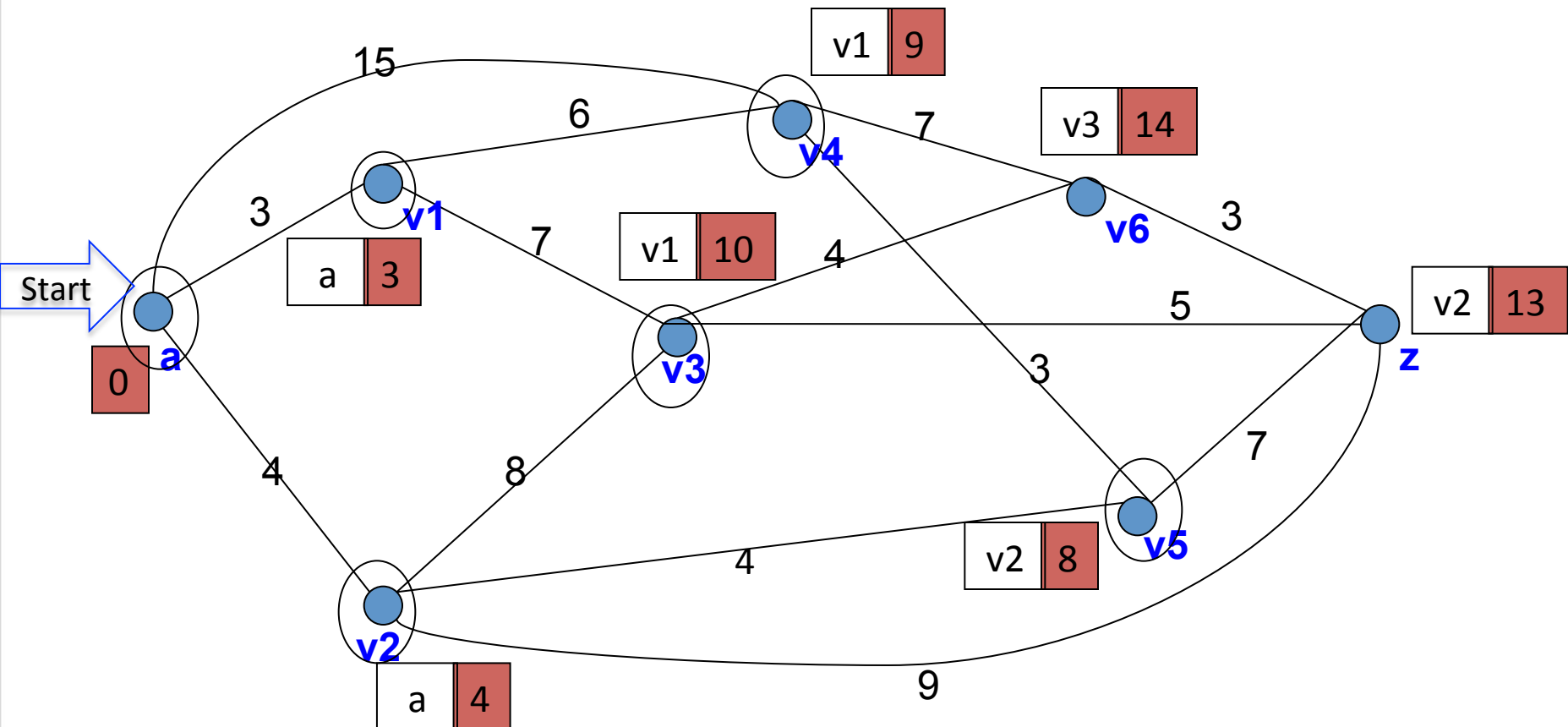
$$L(v6) = 14$$



$$S = \{a, v1, v2, v5, v4, v3\}$$

$$N = \{v6, z\}$$

$L(v3) + W[v3, z] < L(z)$
 $10 + 5 = 15 > 13$
 $L(z)$ remains the same

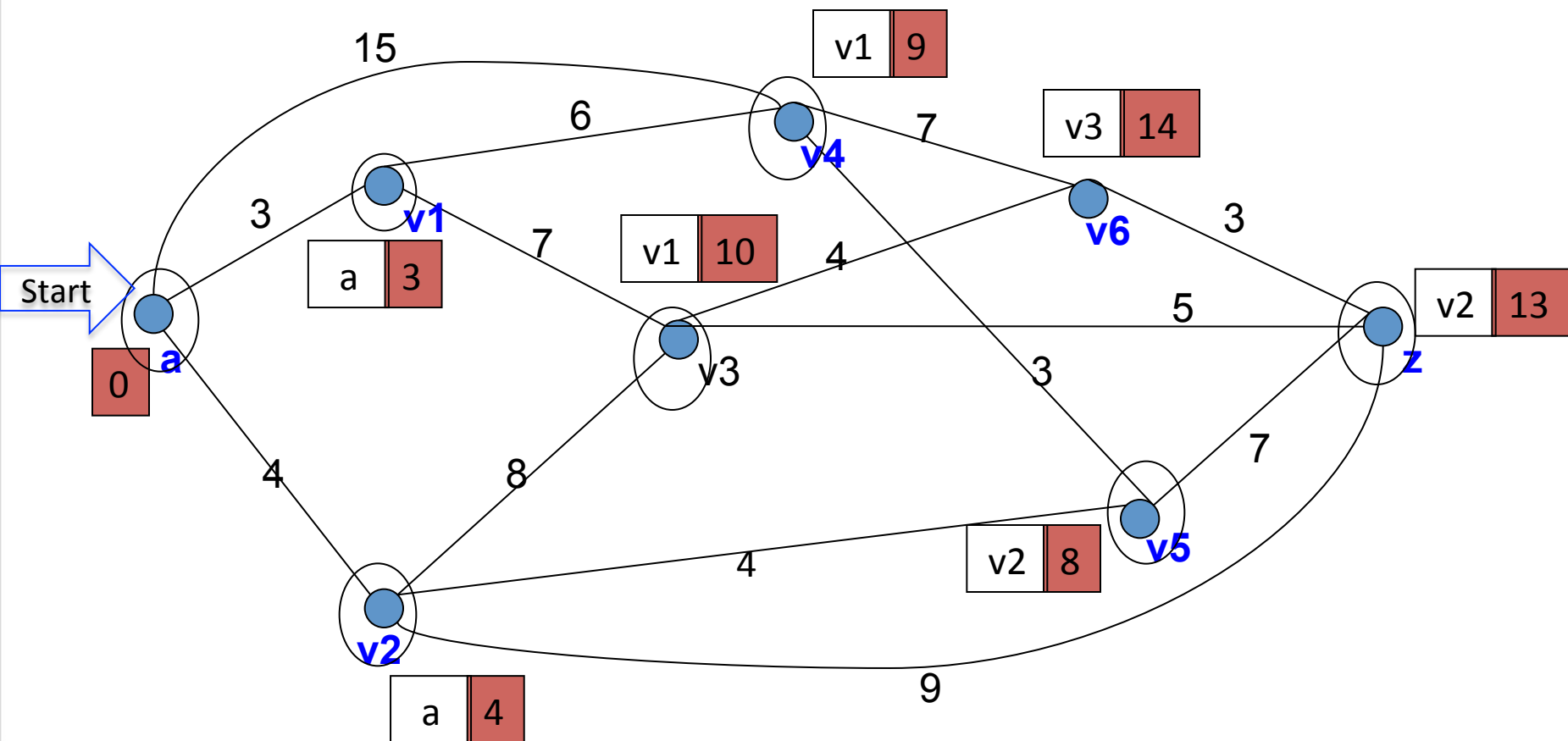


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5	{a , v1,v2,v5, v4}	{v3, v6, z}	0	3	4	10	9	8	16	13
6	{a , v1,v2,v5, v4, v3}	{v6, z}	0	3	4	10	9	8	14	13

$$S = \{a, v1, v2, v5, v4, v3\}$$

$$N = \{v6, z\}$$

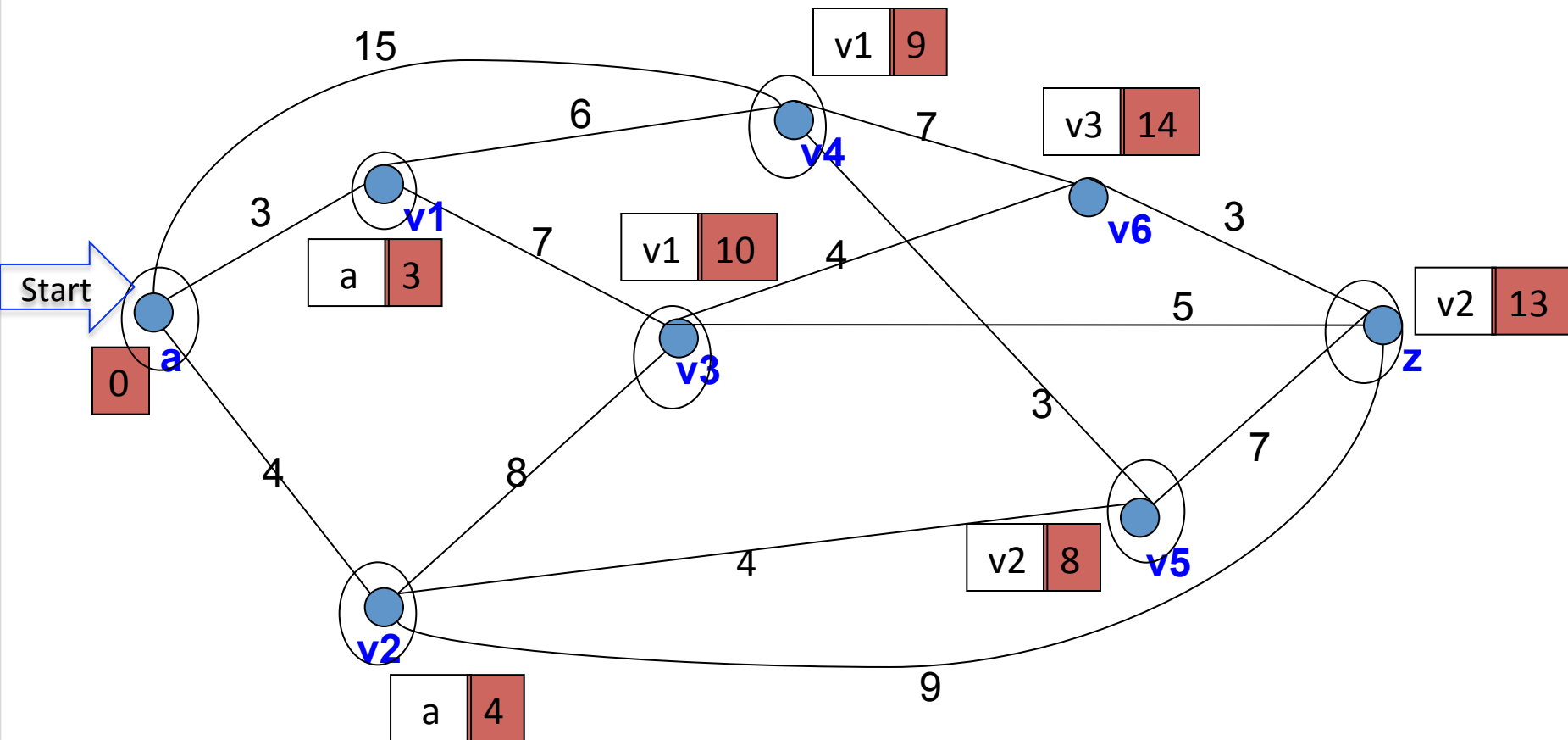
choose z
because
 $L(z) = 13 = \min\{L(u) \mid u \in N\}$



$$S = \{a, v1, v2, v5, v4, v3, z\}$$

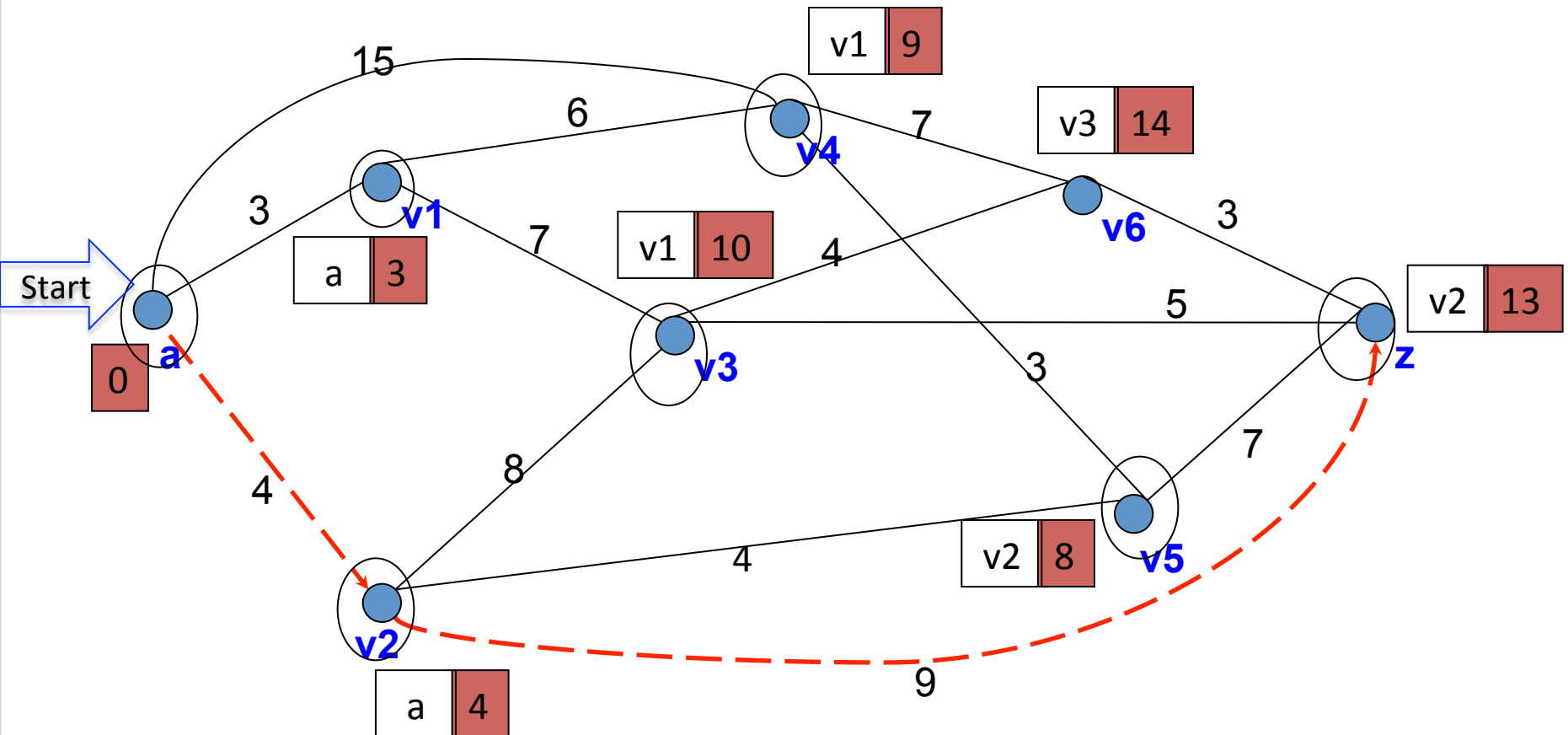
$$N = \{v6\}$$

The loop terminates because $z \in S$



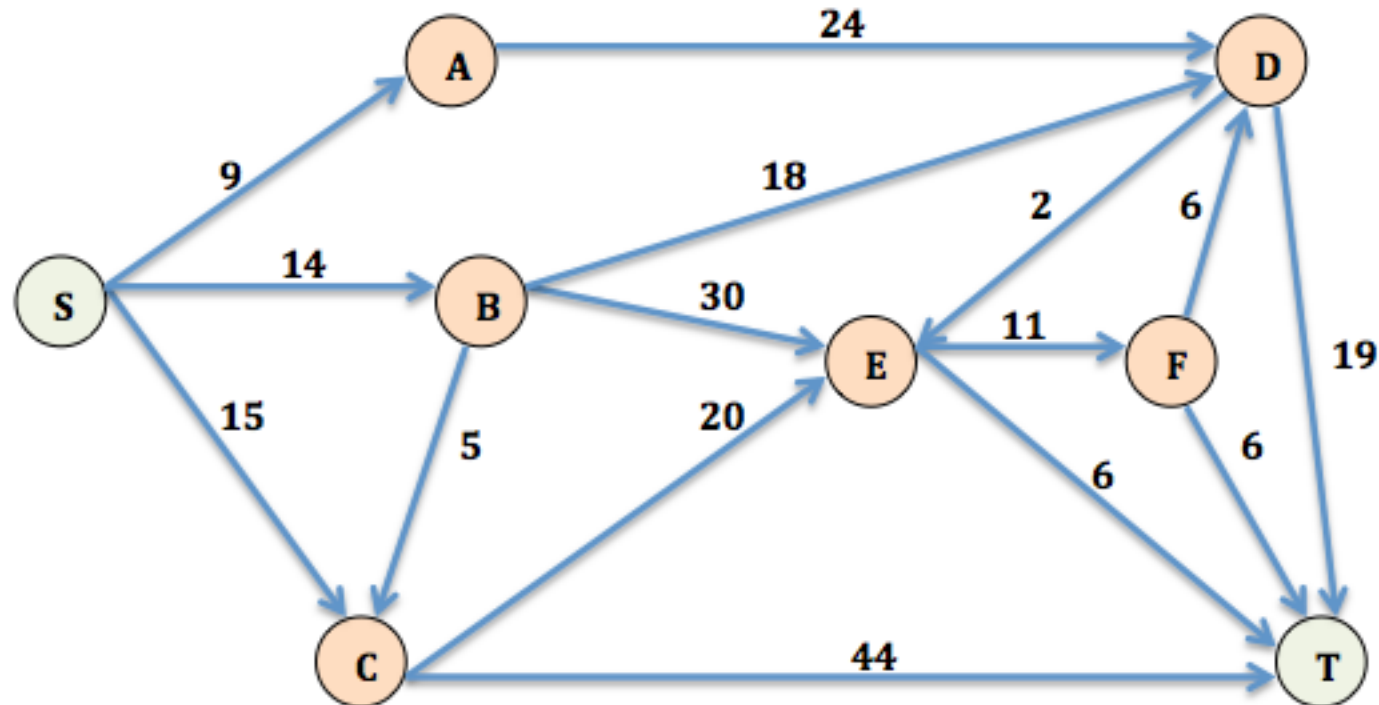
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2	{a , v1}	{v2, v3, v4, v5, v6, z}	0	3	4	10	9	∞	∞	∞
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5	{a , v1,v2,v5, v4}	{v3, v6, z}	0	3	4	10	9	8	16	13
6	{a , v1,v2,v5, v4, v3}	{v6, z}	0	3	4	10	9	8	14	13
7	{a , v1,v2,v5, v4, v3, z}	{v6}	0	3	4	10	9	8	14	13

Shortest path from **a** to **z** is **a** --> **v2** --> **z**, with the shortest length is 13.



Exercise

Q: Given a weighted digraph, find the shortest path from **S** to **T**, using Dijkstra Algorithm.



Note: Weights are arbitrary numbers (i.e., not necessarily distances).